13th December 1938]

Alleged grievances of the employees of the ex-Vizagapatam Agency District Board.

* 75 Q.—SRI P. VIRABHADRASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any memorial from the President of the District Andhra Association, Koraput, on behalf of the employees of the ex-Vizagapatam Agency District Board and also a letter from the Members of the Legislative Assembly and Council of Vizagapatam district on the subject; and

(b) if so, what action have the Government taken on it?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:—" (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (b) The Government have communicated a list of the employees of the Agency District Board to the presidents of the district boards in the Telugu areas of this Province with a suggestion that due consideration may be given to the appointment of these persons in vacancies that may arise in future, in preference to fresh entrants."

Difficulties, if any, in the collection of land revenue, consequent on the Madras Agriculturists Relief Act.

* 76 Q.—DR. P. J. THOMAS: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there have been greater difficulties than before in the collection of land revenue since the passing of the Madras Agriculturists Relief Act, 1938; and

(b) whether the percentage of arrears of land revenue in the last fasli is larger than that for the two previous fasli years?

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM:—" (a) The answer is in the negative.

" (b) Excluding the amounts the collection of which has been suspended or postponed, the percentage of arrears to the demand for fasli 1347 shows a slight increase (·16 per cent) over the corresponding figure of the previous fasli and a slight decrease (·10 per cent) over the corresponding figure for fasli 1345."

Difficulties, if any, of agriculturists in raising credits, consequent on the Madras Agriculturists Relief Act.

* 77 Q.—DR. P. J. THOMAS: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development be pleased to state whether the difficulties of agriculturists in regard to raising credits for agricultural purposes from private money-lenders have increased since the passing of the Madras Agriculturists Relief Act, 1938?